



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

As I'm writing this the sun is shining and it's a beautiful day. Let's remember all the people along the coast who are returning to their homes not knowing the destruction that might greet them caused by Hurricane Matthew. Let's remember them in our prayers and hope that their lives get back to normalcy as soon as possible.

We had another well-attended stated meeting this month even though the threat of Hurricane Matthew was nearing. We were treated to a fine meal of hamburgers, fries, potato chips and all the fixins with ice cream and cookies for dessert.

Once we dispensed with the regular opening and reading of the minutes, (1) new Petition for Membership was read and investigating committee assigned. We also balloted on (1) for Entered Apprentice degree and (1) for Fellowcraft degree and they were elected.

At the top of the meeting's agenda was balloting on accepting the request of Dutch Fork Lodge to merge with Boyleston Lodge. A written ballot was handed out to all Boyleston Brothers who attended and, after counting, the results were a unanimous vote. Dutch Fork Lodge No. 402 was welcomed into our ranks. SC Grand Lodge will be notified of the results and a formal request to merge will be presented for approval. Congratulations to the Brothers of Boyleston and Dutch Fork Lodges.

Another important item on the agenda was the results of the fall chicken bbq. Brother JW Tom Reed happily reported that the bbq went very well. All phases of the bbq were well attended and went smoothly. The Brothers who were involved and all other people who were involved should be very proud of the results of your collective hard work. A JOB WELL DONE!!!!!!!!!!!! I don't know if all the Brothers are aware of this but these

bbqs are very important for the earnings they bring to the Lodge. I have talked to many other Brothers from other lodges both in and out of the state and I know of no other lodge that has dues as low as ours. One of the reasons we can keep them low is our bbqs.

Speaking of dues, the time has come to pay your dues for the 2017 year. Please get them in as soon as possible. This is the last chance for the people who haven't paid their 2016 dues to get them in or they will be erased. If nothing else communicate with the secretary about your intentions or situations.

WB Ron Lockaby brought up before the Lodge the possibility of joining the state's "adopt a highway" program. This is where the Lodge would adopt a section of road and (4) times a year have a crew pick up the litter on the roadside. For this there will be a sign erected showing what the Lodge is doing. This is a good way to help the community and give us recognition. A motion to do this was raised and seconded and passed. Once the proper forms are submitted, further information about who, what, when and where will be announced.

Last month the issue of the wildly raising cost of property insurance was talked about. Through some referrals from the Brothers and bringing in a lot of bids, this year our premiums are \$1,600 cheaper (that's approx 33%!!!). This took a lot of work and time by our secretary so when you see him he deserves our thanks.

Work for the month

Thursday Oct. 13th Entered Apprentice degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Thursday Oct. 20th Fellowcraft degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Thursday Oct. 27th Master Mason degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed Oct. 26th MM practice 6:30pm at the lodge

Tuesday Oct. 11th Prepare and serve dinner for the Eastern Star Annual Visitation meet at 4:00pm and serve at 6:00pm dark slacks, white shirt and tie are requested. Help is needed

Tuesday Oct. 18th 150th Anniversary committee meeting 6:30pm at the lodge all brothers are invited. FC practice to follow

Saturday Oct. 15th Ladies/Awards night dine at 6:00pm at the lodge.

Saturday Nov. 12th prepare and serve lunch at the lodge for the Tall Cedars meeting All Brothers invited to join a worthy Masonic Organization. See or call Jud Close for details 803-479-3090

Last month's trivia question: What S.C. tradition and legend was opened in 1950?

answer: "The Lady in Black" Darlington Motor Speedway

This month's trivia question: What is the rule with the numbers on the Interstate Highways ending in an odd or even number?

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